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For: MAGNETIC RESISTANCE DEVICE

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 6, 2003 (Paper No. 7), Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II for continued examination without traverse Claims 1, 3 and 5 read on this embodiment.

Applicants' election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of additional species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR § 1.146.

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An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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